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TRYING TO GET BACK IN MILWAUKEE



CURRENT COMMENT

By FREDERIC HEATH.

This number of The Herald goes to press on the eve of the election.

Job Harriman predicts 20 Socialist members of the next California legislature.

The number of preachers who are Socialists is one of the remarkable developments of the present day. They are in every city and of every denomination.

The Socialists in the Norwegian parliament have begun an attack on the military schemes of the bourgeois government.

Don't forget to make good use of Benson's article on Socialism in the April Pearson's. Get your neighbor to read it.

The latest "explanation" of it is to blame the United States supreme court for the growth of Socialism in the United States.

Word comes that the Socialists elected three members to the consultative conference at Tunis, Africa, a gain of two seats.

James Maurer, just elected president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, is a Socialist member of the Pennsylvania legislature.

The Seattle school board has decided to allow political meetings in the school buildings. It is thought that this will lessen the number of soap boxes!

A Socialist mayor has just been elected at Harbor Springs, Mich. Do you know what that means? Simply that the number of Socialist mayors in the United States now totals 58.

That a judge should come out in defense of the other side in the Lawrence strike was only to be expected. Paying American labor on an Asiatic basis is proud, American New England, is all right to the American capitalistic judicial mind.

The Union League club of New York, where they dine on hummus and nightingale eggs, has

just called the great third term aspirant an "undesirable citizen." Simply one of Teddy's chickens coming home to roost.

The sheep who asked the wolves to please be good were no more ridiculous than the fool voter who still believes that capitalism can be anything else but wolfish. The wolf must eat, and capital must have its increase out of us, or cease to be capital.

La Follette's politicians are selling him out in Milwaukee by leaving themselves with the big interests in the present city campaign. Profession and practice are two different things with some of the politicians that have enlisted under his banner.

The president of the Illinois miners' union has been nominated for the office of the miners. I would ask, have a better right to a voice in the national law-making body? Some sleek capitalist lawyer, or some sly developed capitalist party politician?

A Socialist paper, the Social-Demokraten, of Christiana, Norway, was the first paper to publish the fact of the discovery of the South Pole by Amundsen. It received a telegram from a Socialist who was a member of the exploring party, the moment the explorers reached Tasmania.

The Survey prints a picture of Raymond Robbins, and refers to him as miner, preacher, labor leader, political reformer and settlement worker. It might have added: Enemy of the right of the worker to the value of his toll—in other words a monkey-worker pleasing to Mr. Morgan.

An exchange prints a photograph from the famine district of China, showing a rude little hut, with the thatched roof nearly all sold for food. Inside a child lies ill with small pox. Simply one of the horrors from a world full of them. And all preventable horrors under a sane social system!

The Typographical Journal for March has a lengthy article recounting the work for unionism and the printing labels by the Social-Democratic administration in Milwaukee the past two years. Get it if you can, and read what it says. It will show you what a first city term can do—if it really wants to.

Russia is making it hard for the

Socialist press of Finland. The editor of the party organ at Tammerfors, Santeri Nuorteva, who some time ago was sent to prison for life, managed to make his escape, and has lately settled in Oregon, where he has been made editor of the Toeveri, the Finnish Socialist bi-weekly at Astoria.

One of the rawest capitalist tricks

of recent date was the dispatch sent to the capitalist press of the country to the effect that the Socialist weekly, of Girard, Kansas, The Appeal to Reason, had suspended publication. The dispatch, queerly enough, said that the paper had been losing money and then went on to relate how its owners had made so much money out of it

that they did not know the total them selves!

Banker Morse, who was so neatly pardoned by the president because he was alleged to be dying, now sends word from Europe that he is feeling fine, thank you. A common crook goes to prison. If he is sick he goes to the prison hospital or to a county hospital.

When he recovers he goes back to the cell. No Pres. Taft gives him a thought, you can bet.

With the rise of Socialism also rises the crook and sharper, who makes use of the fear of the big capitalist to get money to start opposition papers and magazines. From Ralph Easley down, they are an amorous bunch, and in each case the paper or magazine soon withers as the "angel" gets onto the game and refuses to come down with more money.

The Socialist mayor of Schenectady, N. Y., arranged to follow Milwaukee's lead and to have popular Sunday concerts in the armory building, when

struck a Major Thomas Carney and refused the use of the building for such a purpose, evidently fearing that it was dedicated to the cause of human

murder and not to human uplift. An effort will be made to get a more favorable ruling from the governor of the state.

Politically, this thing rules America. It killed the Knights of Labor. It killed the People's party.

It has crippled the La Follette movement and made leaders of that movement in Milwaukee up politically side by side with corruptionists.

With the exception of one newspaper, it own or controls the press of Milwaukee and tells thousands of men every day what they shall think or not think. It makes and unmakes the lives of men. And when a brave, honest man like John P. Altgeld of Chicago or Tom Johnson of Cleveland stands up and fights against this greedy, insatiable Beast demanding more privileges, the Beast marks these men and they die broken-hearted.

This inestimable thing is never satisfied. It

lives on franchises and special privileges. It

always wants more. And when any man or

any party of men threatens it, this thing fights.

It has not been able to get what it wants in the city hall the past two years. So it has gone out

and combined the Democratic and Republican

parties in this campaign and is seeking to kill

the power it cannot control in the city hall.

This thing wants to get control of the

city hall has connections outside of the city.

It is so powerful that it fixes the price of what

your wife or mother shall pay for groceries and meat when she goes out to buy the needs of life.

Every workingman in the country is up against this thing—it fixes wages and tries to trample out labor unions. It decides that while the cost

of living goes up wages shall stand still.

This thing, the Beast or the System, whatever

you choose to call it, has seized for itself the

natural resources of the country. It owns the

land, the water power, mineral and forest rights.

Never satisfied, always looking farther for privileges, it has gained tremendous power. It makes

legislatures, governors, sheriffs, and judges do

what it wants to do.

They know the Beast changes its name whenever a change is needed.

You will not be fooled. You will vote for your

homes and your children.

on the fight for the regaining of the city. At this writing the outcome is not known, but the struggle has shown labor the character of the enemy is must meet in its continued conquest of the political power. Well, capitalism is far from being a clean enemy. It is vile—and unashamed.

I do not endorse all of Dr. Wiley's ideas, but his practically forced retirement from the service of the people is killing in plain sight of the people. Wiley opposed the food sharks, the

painters, tainters and dopers of the food of the land. He had to go. His

and capitalism could not stay in the same administration—that was the

long and short of it. Preservatives in food arrest decomposition, naturally

also they arrest digestion. People when

they buy tinned foods of certain kinds simply buy tinned capitalism. The

stomach not only rebels but passes on the poison to the rest of the human

system—and the poison is simply so

much inflammable matter waiting to develop fuel for the fires of disease.

Our judges that we elect all over the country are not super-men. They are

most of them old party politicians who come before us as non-partisans simply to fool the foolable. They are human

beings, filled with human passions and shrewdness, and their decisions are only worth what you might expect from

such circumstances. Many of them

simply use the sanctity of the bench to

pull off stunts for capitalism, and in

effect dare the people whom they are

supposed to serve to get in "contempt of court" by criticizing them. It is no

accident that the courts are becoming an object of suspicion in this country.

My prediction is that before very long

the entire judicial system will have to

be overhauled and purified by the

people. The signs unmistakably point

that way.

A bill has been introduced in congress by Mr. Tillson of Connecticut to

loan government "ridiculous" to bodies of

citizens to "promote a patriotic spirit" through rifle practice. It is believed

to be really in the interests of arming the

boy scouts. The rulers always

figure that if men can be drilled to

shoot they soon itch to shoot at human

targets, thus making it easier to declare war. Patriotism to the pliers

is synonymous with gunpowder, as this

bill significantly shows.



IT HAPPENED IN MILWAUKEE



Here is one of the many auto loads of Social-Democratic campaign literature which go out from the headquarters in Brisbane hall, to be distributed to

A Hot Council Session

The report of the special committee appointed to investigate the assessments made by former Tax Commissioner Frank Schutz, was adopted by the common council last night, after a debate on the floor in which a smashing blow was administered to the rehunko-kreatic non-partisan defenders of the tax dodgers.

Alderman Bogk opened the discussion on the report by moving that the report go back to the committee, because the work of the committee had not been complete. He claimed that no assessors, administrators or their attorneys had been called before the committee.

He was at once answered by Alderman Allridge, who said assessors had been called by the committee, which had secured all the evidence possible to get, and had verified its evidence by the records of the Tax Commissioner's office.

Bogk After More.

Not having enough yet, and apparently innocent of what he was going up against, Alderman Bogk returned to the charge, with the statement that he had seen affidavits to the effect that the stocks and bonds of some of the estates named had been distributed before May 1.

Alderman Allridge again replied that there was no such affidavit on file in the assessor's office; although he understood that one of the assessors did secure such an affidavit from a

trust company at the last moment.

Alderman Welch, chairman of the special committee, then informed the council that the committee had done all it could to get former Tax Commissioner Schutz to appear before the committee, and that the latter could have brought in all the assessors he wished as witnesses. The committee got the

letter of the Wisconsin Trust company relating to the Hamburger estate:

HERE IS THE LETTER.

This is the paragraph from the letter of the Wisconsin Trust company relating to the Hamburger estate:

"Fifty-four hundred (4,500) shares of preferred stock and forty-seven hundred and fifty (4,750) shares of common stock of Gimbel brothers, a corporation, required to pay taxes on its property in the same manner as individuals."

These shares were appraised by the official appraisers of the probate court of Milwaukee at being worth \$650,000. They should have been assessed in 1911 for three years, back tax.

Tails of Hamburger Estate.

This letter was a statement of the property included in the Hamburger estate, with a specification of the parts which were assessable under the law.

Among the items which this statement from the representative of the Hamburger estate admitted to be taxable under the laws of Wisconsin, was the item of the stock in the Gimbel company. The statement plainly anticipated that this property would be placed on the tax roll. But it was not assessed by Schutz.

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Carny Has Objections.

To this Alderman Carney objected,

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Today, the machinery and the land used for industrial purposes are owned by a rapidly decreasing minority. So long as machinery is simple and is handled by one or two owners, cannot dominate the sources of life of others. But when machinery becomes more complex and expensive, and requires for its effective operation the organized effort of many workers, its influence reaches over wide circles of life. The owners of such machinery become the ruling class.

In proportion as the number of such machine owners compared to all other classes decreases, their power over the rest of the world increases. The better ever larger masses of working people under their control, reducing them to the point where mind and brain are only tools of the hand, and the products of formerly self-employed workers thus become the helpless wage slaves of the industrial masters.

As the economic power of the ruling class grows, it becomes less useful in the ruling class. The ruling class, which is the nation falls upon the shoulders of the working class. The working class, which is the nation's strength, is the most powerful class in the world. To this class, the working class, the wage workers, or the class who have but the strength of their own muscle, and not only their own class, but also all other classes of modern society. The small farmer, who is today the same as the wage workers, is not less effective in his wage work than the small manufacturer and trader, who is engaged in a desperate and losing struggle to hold his own against the capitalist class, and all the capitalist class for that matter.

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In spite of the organization of trusts, pools and combinations, the capitalists are powerless to control all the country's industries. The few large trusts, pools and combinations are largely conducted in a planless manner. Through pools of leveraged activity, the strength and wealth of the workers are more and more used, and to make the production of the necessities of life the object of competitive private enterprise and speculation is at the bottom of the curse of class rule.

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